

August 2005 Unified Program Newsletter

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Rural Reimbursement Reminder

We want to remind all CUPAs that are eligible for the Rural Reimbursement Grant to submit their Disbursement Worksheet for 2005-2006 and if applicable the Year-End Worksheet for 2004-2005. For help completing the Disbursement Worksheet or the Year-End Worksheet, contact Tina Gonzales at (916) 322-2155.

September 30th Deadline for Submittal of FY 04/05 Summary Reports

We want to remind CUPA managers that the September 30th deadline for submittal of FY 2004/05 Summary Reports is fast approaching. The Single Fee Summary Report 2, Inspection Summary Report 3, and Enforcement Summary Report 4 are all due on that date. Data from these reports is used by State and Federal agencies for a variety of purposes including CUPA evaluations. We appreciate the effort that CUPAs have made in past years to improve the timeliness and accuracy of these reports and look forward to timely receipt again this year. Any questions can be directed to Kareem Taylor at (916) 327-9557.

New Chief for Unified Program Named

Jim Bohon has been selected as the new Environmental Program Manager for the Unified Program Section, within the Office of the Secretary. Jim brings more than 13 years of local, state and federal management experience to the position. His most recent assignment was as the Staff Environmental Scientist within the Unified Program. Prior to coming to work for the Office of the Secretary, Jim managed the DTSC hazardous waste tracking system from 1997 to 2005. As an environmental scientist at DTSC between 1994 and 1997, Jim worked on the early development of the Unified Program. Before this, Jim worked at the Governors Office of Emergency services between 1990 and 1994 where he participated in the development of the hazardous materials business plan and accidental release programs. Finally, Jim worked for Butte County Office of Emergency Services between 1984 and 1990 where he started as a disaster communications specialist and ended as the County Emergency Services Manager.

Upcoming Meetings

Workgroup on Information and Forms	August 16 th	Jim Bohon	(916) 327-5097
Violation Classification Workgroup	August 16 th	Dennis Karidis	(916) 327-9558
Data Management Steering Committee	August 23 rd	Jim Bohon	(916) 327-5097
Enforcement Steering Committee	August 23 rd	Larry Matz	(916) 327-3442
UST Steering Committee	August 23 rd	Liz Haven	(916) 341-5752
CUPA Forum Board	August 24 th	Valerie Toney	(213) 978-3684
UP Administrative and Advisory Group	August 25 th	Don Johnson	(916) 322-8284
Workgroup on Information and Forms	September 27 th	Jim Bohon	(916) 327-5097

State Water Resources Control Board

Reminders

The California UST Inspector Certification Exam Requirement Deadline is September 1, 2005.

Interstitial Liquid Level Measurement (ILLM) Rulemaking

The State Water Board voted unanimously to make the existing emergency regulation defining ILLM a permanent part of Title 23. UST Program staff have completed the final rulemaking record and expect to send the rulemaking package to Office of Administrative Law (OAL) the first week of July for review with compliance of the Administrative Procedures Act. OAL has 30 working days to review the rulemaking record. If approved by OAL, the regulation will be filed with the Secretary of State and permanently incorporated into Title 23.

UST Program Contact: Scott Bacon (sbacon@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5873)

Enforcement Alert:

Tank Tester Licensing Suspension On July 26, 2005, an Enforcement Alert was sent to local agencies about a tank tester license suspension.

UST Program Contact: Leslie Graves (lgraves@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5810) or Joe Zarnoch (jzarnoch@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5629).

Continued Reporting of Piping Failure To Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)

Please continue to report any problems with product piping degradation and/or failures bearing a UL mark directly to UL. To file a report complete the Consumer Product Report Form online at:

<https://www.ul.com/consumers/conproddb.cfm>. So that we can also track product piping failures and degradation, please also send a copy of the Consumer Product Report Form and any attachments to: Laura Chaddock, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality, Groundwater Quality Branch, PO Box 2231, Sacramento, CA, 95812.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870)

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Introductory Training on the Hazardous Waste Tracking System (HTWS)

Course Description: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) tracks information on hazardous waste handlers, transporters, and manifests using the Hazardous Waste Tracking System (HWTS). HWTS is accessed through the Intranet by DTSC and Cal/EPA staff, and through the Internet by selected local agency and federal staff. DTSC provides training on the HWTS, and provides access via user accounts to CUPA or U.S. EPA staff once training is completed. The training covers searching for facilities, using manifest reports, and viewing transporter registration information. This information can be used to look for possible mismanagement of hazardous waste, to investigate complaints, and to identify other hazardous waste management violations.

Course Instructor: Rita Hypnarowski, DTSC Statewide Compliance Division

Who Should Attend: This class is designed for CUPA, DTSC, and U.S. EPA inspectors and other front-line staff who review facility records and prepare enforcement cases. **Priority will be given to recently hired CUPA and DTSC inspectors.** There is a limit on the number of staff per agency who can attend; please contact Ms. Rita Hypnarowski at rhypnaro@dtsc.ca.gov or (916) 255-3699 to verify your eligibility to register for the class. **DTSC staff should also contact Ms. Hypnarowski directly to enroll.**

Class Locations, Dates & Times:

Southern California: **October 11, 2005**

DTSC Glendale Office
Conference Rooms 5 & 6
1011 N. Grandview Ave.
Glendale, CA 91201

Classes are from 10 a.m. – 3:30 pm

Northern California: **October 13, 2005**

DTSC Berkeley Office
Auditoriums 1 & 2
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710

Classes are from 10 a.m. – 3:30 pm.

Course Level & Prerequisite: A basic familiarity with the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest, its uses, and the information contained on it is recommended for this class. The class greatly expands on the public reports and information available at http://hwts.dtsc.ca.gov/report_list.cfm, with an emphasis on inspection and enforcement targeting.

To Register: Please register at least two weeks in advance by e-mailing Rita Hypnarowski at rhypnaro@dtsc.ca.gov. Class size is limited to 24 people. Please register early to secure a place.

DTSC Fact Sheet: Toxics in Packaging

DTSC's fact sheet, Preventing Toxic Substances in Packaging for Consumer Goods, is now posted the DTSC Web site at: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Mercury/HWMP_FS_Toxics-Packaging.pdf

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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